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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY -- PART III

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1. THIS TELEGRAM FORWARDS A REVISED DRAFT OUTLINE
FOR PART III OF THE ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY FROM
WHICH NSC SECURITY PLANNING COORDINATOR HUNTINGTON
WOULD PROPOSE TO DEVELOP A U.S. DRAFT OF PART III.
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY PART III - DRAFT OUTLINE

I. MAJOR TRENDS AND ASSESSMENT - SYNOPSIS

A. INTERNAL (USSR)

1. LEADERSHIP UNCERTAINTY

2. ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES (INCLUDING RESOURCE
SCARCITIES)

3. CONTINUED ARMS BUILD-UP

4. SOCIAL MODERNIZATION (PROBLEM OF THE
GENERATIONS, DISSIDENCE, NATIONALITIES,
RELIGION)

B. EXTERNAL

1. EAST EUROPE (PROSPECTS OF INSTABILITY AND
TENSION WITH THE USSR)

2. THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

3. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERACTION WITH
THE WEST

4. SOVIET ROLE OUTSIDE EUROPE (INCLUDING CHINA)

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II. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE AND POSSIBLE ATTITUDES

A. SOVIET MILITARY BUILD-UP

IMPLICATIONS: INCREASED MILITARY THREAT AND
NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOVIET USE
OF MILITARY POWER FOR POLITICAL
PURPOSES (PARTICULARLY ON FLANKS).

POSSIBLE ATTITUDE: IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG-TERM
DEFENSE PROGRAM AND MORE EFFECTIVE
COUNTER-BALANCING OF SOVIET
DIPLOMATIC PRESSURES.

B. SOVIET ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

IMPLICATIONS: INCREASED SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN
NEED FOR WESTERN TECHNOLOGY, GRAIN,
CREDITS, OIL, AND MARKETS.

POSSIBLE ATTITUDE: IMPROVED COORDINATION OF
ECONOMIC POLICIES TO PREVENT

SOVIET EXPLOITATION OF DIFFERENCES
; WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AND TO CAPITA-
 LIZE ON THE WEST'S ECONOMIC
 ADVANTAGES IN DEALING WITH SOVIET

C. INCREASED SOVIET ROLE OUTSIDE EUROPE

IMPLICATIONS: INCREASED COMPETITION AND
 POTENTIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN USSR
 AND INDIVIDUAL NATO COUNTRIES
 IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA AND
 POSSIBLY ELSEWHERE.

POSSIBLE ATTITUDE: ALLIANCE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE
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SOVIET RESTRAINT AND HENCE POSSIBI-
LITY OF GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN
EAST AND WEST IN EUROPE.

D. SOVIET SUCCESSION STRUGGLE

IMPLICATIONS: POSSIBLE CONTRADICTIONARY SOVIET
 INITIATIVES IN FOREIGN AND
 DOMESTIC POLICY, COMBINED WITH
 UNCERTAINTY AND DELAY IN
 DECISION-MAKING ON KEY ISSUES.

POSSIBLE ATTITUDE: PATIENCE AND RESTRAINT, WITH
 SENSITIVITY TO POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS
 OF ALLIANCE POLITICS ON EMERGENCE
 OF NEW LEADERSHIP.

E. SOCIAL CHANGE IN USSR AND EAST EUROPE

IMPLICATIONS: INCREASED ASSERTIVENESS BY
 NATIONAL REGIONAL, GENERATIONAL,
 RELIGIOUS, AND POSSIBLY ECONOMIC
 GROUPS, PARTICULARLY IN THE
 CONTEXT OF ECONOMIC SHORTAGES,
 AND INCREASED STRAINS BETWEEN
 USSR AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

POSSIBLE ATTITUDE: ALLIANCE EMPHASIS ON HUMAN
 RIGHTS AND CSCE FOLLOW-THROUGH,
 ENCOURAGEMENT OF PLURALISTIC
 TENDENCIES IN WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES,
 AND DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER TIES IN
 SELECTED AREAS WITH EAST EUROPEAN

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COUNTRIES.

F. GENERAL

IN EACH OF THE FIVE AREAS ABOVE, DEVELOPMENTS IN
EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION IMPLY THE NEED
FOR IMPROVED PROCESSES OF NATO CONSULTATIONS AND
INCREASED COHESION.

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3. THIS DRAFT HAS ALSO BEEN CIRCULATED TO THE
WASHINGTON STUDY WORKING GROUP.

4. USNATO SHOULD PASS ITS VIEWS TO GENEVA AS WELL
AS WASHINGTON. NSC STAFF MEMBER ROBERT E. HUNTER
WILL BE IN SWITZERLAND ON PRIVATE VISIT FEBRUARY 24-26.
HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH MISSION GENEVA TO PICK UP
COPY OF USNATO COMMENTS.

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